

PUBLIC HEARING  
FY-2019 CDBG Program  
November 11, 2019

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor  
Michael Dulaney  
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor  
James Johnson  
Samuel Lyons  
Fred Mays  
Ryan Rudegeair

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: James Wetzel, Deputy City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
Kevin Anundson, Chief of Police  
Deb Eckelberger, Franklin Development Director  
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator  
Harmony Motter, Finance Director  
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary  
Tim Dunkle, Venango County Emergency Management Assn  
Jeff & Gina Shuffstall, 1149 Liberty Street  
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.  
Chris Rossetti, Explore Venango

Mayor Baker called the hearing to order at 7 PM.

Ms. Boughner explained that this was the second and final required public hearing for the City's FY-2019 CDBG Program, convened for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed uses of the City's 2019 CDBG allocation of **\$298,505**. With **\$53,730 (18 percent)** set aside for administration, **\$244,775** will be available for project uses.

•	Street Improvements: Milling and Paving	
•	1300 block of Buffalo Street.....	45,460
•	14 <sup>th</sup> Street, Liberty to Elk.....	20,645
•	Elk Street, South Park to Eleventh .....	40,040
•	Ninth Street, Liberty to Buffalo. ....	22,855
•	Eagle Street, Twelfth to Fifteenth. ....	77,890
•	Associated Costs (pavement markings, etc.).....	<u>3,110</u>
	Sub-total for Streets	<b>\$210,000</b>
•	Clearance & Demotion (locations to be determined).....	<u>34,775</u>
	Sub-total for Projects	<b>\$244,775</b>
•	Administration (18%).....	<u>53,730</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$298,505</b>

Ms. Boughner explained that all of the streets selected for improvement with FY-2019 funds are main thoroughfares used by all residents to get around the City. As a result, the project will have a City-wide benefit. At 53.26% LMI, the City as a whole is eligible for area-wide CDBG projects, and the street improvements will meet the CDBG national objective of benefitting low to moderate income persons.

All of these streets except Eagle are located along the shared lane bicycle loop recommended by the City's recent Pedestrian & Bicycle Connection Master Plan, and will tie in with other upcoming projects, including the new bus stop and multimodal path on the way for the 1200 block of Buffalo Street, to be funded by a \$229,512 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

She indicated the clearance & demolition projects will continue the City's on-going efforts to fight blight by removing vacant, abandoned, dilapidated properties and address the safety concerns and drain on City resources engendered by these properties. She noted that the City's FY-2018 CDBG Program included funds for the demolition of 317 Erie Street, and said the removal of these three adjacent problem properties should have a substantial positive impact on that Erie Street neighborhood.

There being no comments from the public, the hearing was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary